

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re new U.S. patent application of
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For: INCREASING THE WET SLIPPAGE PROPERTIES OF
TEXTILE MATERIAL, AND WET-ACTING LUBRICANTS FOR THIS PURPOSE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-16 and add the following new claims 17-32.

17. A method for a treatment of textile piece goods from an aqueous liquor comprising the steps of:

providing textile piece in an aqueous liquor;

adding (Ps) water-dispersible or -colloidally soluble, end-capped polyesters as wet-acting lubricants; and

adding a textile treatment agent (T) from aqueous liquor under conditions which would otherwise in the textile substrate favour the formation of transport folds and/or the occurrence of friction in or on the substrate.

18. A method for a treatment of textile piece goods according to claim 17, wherein: (Ps) is a polyester made from difunctional compounds (D); and monofunctional compounds (E) which are suitable for the end capping of the polyesters, and/or higher oligo-functional compounds (H) which are suitable for the branching of the polyesters.

19. A method for a treatment of textile piece goods from an aqueous liquor according